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Inventors: Mark Albert Crowder	Attorney Docket No. SLA0029
Serial No: 10008381	Group No. 2812
Filed: November 8, 2001	Examiner: S. Isaac
Title: EN MASK DESIGN AND METHOD OF SEQUENTIAL LATERAL SOLIDIFICATION	
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Action the Examiner requires restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I. Claims 1-4, drawn to a device, classified in  
class 216, subclass 12+;

Group II. Claim 5-11, drawn to a method, classified in  
class 438, subclass 166

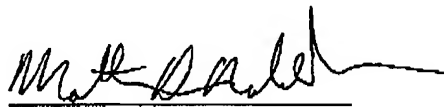
Applicants hereby elect to pursue the Group II claims, claims  
5-11, drawn to a method.

Respectfully submitted,

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